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UPPER COOK INLET COMMERCIAL FISHING ANNOUNCEMENT No. 15
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Upper Cook Inlet Commercial Fishing Announcement No. 15 extends set gillnetting in the Kenai, Kasilof and East Forelands Sections of the Upper Subdistrict from 7:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 20, 2013.

The Optimal Escapement Goal for Kasilof River sockeye salmon is 160,000–390,000 fish. More than 410,000 sockeye salmon are estimated to have passed the Kasilof River sonar through 12:00 noon on Saturday, July 20. In the Kenai River, the inriver (sonar) goal is 1,000,000–1,200,000 fish. The most current estimate of passage through 12:00 noon on Saturday, July 20, shows that nearly 946,000 sockeye salmon have passed the sockeye salmon sonar site in the Kenai River.

Sockeye salmon harvest has been relatively strong during the fishing period on July 20. An extension in fishing time for Upper Subdistrict set gillnets is expected to result in additional harvest of both Kenai and Kasilof river sockeye salmon.